

HAPPENINGS IN THE ● ● BASE BALL WORLD

LINE-UP OF LOCAL TEAM

Positions in Which Players
will be Seen

WILMOT IS A STAR

He is Developing Speed,
Curves and Control

Work on the Local Ball Grounds
Being Pushed and Already it
Looks Like a Ball Park.

Although the Lima Burners have had little practice since leaving here a week ago yesterday, Manager Drumm has about figured out his line-up for the season. As far as it is possible to tell at this time the line up for the opening game will be Lusk and Smith, catchers Wilhelm, Wilmot, Lewis, Lucas and possibly one other, pitchers; Lindeman, first base; Burns or Thum, second base; Mylett, short stop; Flood, third base; Quinn, Tate, Farrell and Mulcahey, outfielders.



"AL" WILMOT
One of Drumm's Most Competent
and Successful Slab Artists.

It is possible that one or two more men will be carried until the close of the first month of the season.

The work on the grand stand at the park is progressing nicely. The frame work is entirely up. It is expected that the stands will be entirely completed by next Saturday night and all that will remain to be built will be the fence.

Bobby Quinn, the popular center fielder of last year's team is showing up in great form at East Liverpool where the Lima Burners are



"BOBBY" QUINN
The Clever Center Fielder of the
Local Team of the O. & P.

getting a daily practice although they are unable to play any games. Quinn has his batting eye with him this year and will put up a great game for the locals this season.

Wilmot, the corpulent twirler of the Lima Burners is, according to reports from the training camp, rounding into great form. The big fellow has a world of speed and curves and although he has had comparatively little work he has developed exceptional control. There is little doubt about his being retained as a regular.

Hugh Tate is the cut-up of the

Lima Burners. He is about the liveliest man in the squad and never tires having a good time whether on or off the field. Tate is an outfielder that few men in the league will have anything on. He has a habit of catching a ball in any old way that it occurs to him. Catching the ball behind him is one of his specialties.

Before returning to this city with his squad Manager Drumm will either release or trade a number of the men who are now with the squad. He has the strings out for a couple of trades that will strengthen the locals and probably make a little money for the management.

In the event that he desires to reserve some of the men he will send them to Kane, Pa. in the Interstate league from which place he can secure them whenever he wishes. It is probable that several men will be sent to Kane.

Hogan's Runtz will open the season tomorrow at Upper Sandusky with a game against the city team of that place. It is expected that a large number of fans from this city will accompany the team on its trip.

The High School baseball team went to Mt. Gilead today to play the team representing the Mt. Gilead high school.

ABOUT THE CIRCUIT.

Mansfield.—All but one of the twenty-two players signed for the Mansfield team have reported, and are working out at League park. Pitcher Blackburn, of Princeton, Kas., reported Wednesday. Manager McVey is unable to take charge of the team, owing to an attack of rheumatism. Willie Delehanty, the Cleveland player, reported, but has not yet signed a contract. He has reconsidered his determination not to play with the Tigers.

Lancaster.—Manager Breen has succeeded in having the Senators turn out a few of their surplus players to the Lanks, but he will not get back his star twirlers, Upp and Geyer. Upp pitched the game against his former teammates. First Baseman Cervant and Pitcher Garvey, who were given a tryout with the Columbus team, have been turned over to Lancaster. If Garvey can furnish the goods, he should be a good man for the Lanks, as their pitching staff is very weak. Breen is depending upon Justus and Johns, the veterans, to do the bulk of the slab work, while he thinks he has a few comers in Adams, Schultz and Woodburn.

Newark.—The Molders are able to get plenty of practice this week, as the weather is much warmer than in some of the camps farther north. Manager Berryhill has had his big squad hard at work, allowing only the pitchers to take things easy. His new infielders are showing up strong, while his outfield will also be fast. Third Baseman Irvie Written has arrived from Cincinnati to join the team.

Youngstown.—The Youngstown Champs held their first practice on Tuesday in a game, which swept over the field much like the wind at Wiler field, where the Tigers have been working out. Infielder Breen has not yet reported, but is expected in within a few days. Manager Wright has issued a statement to the effect that he will depend upon his veterans to land another pennant. The Champs will play their first exhibition game with the East Liverpool P. O. M. leaguers at East Liverpool Monday, and with the Canton Central leaguers on Tuesday. They will then return to Andover to practice for the remainder of the training trip.

New Castle.—Bad weather has temporarily stopped the working out of Billy Smith's Nocks, but even at that some of the men have shown up so well that Newcastle fans believe that they will have a strong team. Greene, the new third base candidate, will beat out Kid Hagen, and Hagen may be tried at shortstop. Greene is a veteran of the Eastern league. Billy Smith has a bunch of candidates for every one of the positions, and the veterans will have to show up well to retain their positions. The Nocks were scheduled to play the Beaver Falls team, of the Western Pennsylvania league on Friday and Saturday, but the games were canceled.

Sharon.—Manager Kling is putting his aggregation through the places daily at Independence park, and he has about 20 players who can do better than land the cellar championship. Three of his pitchers have failed to report. Pitcher Hunt, secured from Indianapolis, will not report until the opening of the season. Pitcher Homer Mock is expected in within a few days, while nothing has been heard from Pitcher Glassburner.

Akron.—The camp of the Blues is deserted, as the team is at Steubenville, playing a three-game series with the P. O. M. leaguers. The two teams were unable to play yesterday, owing to bad weather, and the last game of the series will be played today. None of the veteran pitchers is working in the exhibition games, Manager East desiring to find out what the youngsters are able to do.

Some of the sporting writers over the O. P. league are inclined to believe that Akron will have the best team in the league this season. They figure out that Buff Ehmman will be stronger than ever, and that he will win nearly all the games he pitches.

In New Castle there is an exception to the general opinion. Akron may have a splendid team, but there will be other clubs in the league just as good. Navapara, the youth from whom so much was expected is not showing up in as great shape as the Tip Top management would have liked.

Over in Youngstown, Fred Sypher of the Telegram, believes that Akron will have the best team. His hope is all wrong. Youngstown will have as good a team as the Tip Tons. The New Castle pencil pushers say they will have a better team than Youngstown, that Sharon is the dark horse, Lancaster is very weak and Marion will not cut much ice.

If the fellows about the circuit think Drumm has been asleep all winter, there will be some very great surprises before the season is half over. The Marion team this year and the one of 1906 are two entirely different organizations. Wait and watch.

LATHAM OFTEN BROKE.

Of Arlie Latham, now one of the oldest umpires in the O. & P. league, the Cleveland Leader makes entertaining reference:

"Arlie Latham to this day is not famous for saving his money, and in the old days he had a reputation of being chronically broke," says Tom Loftus. "So long ago I am ashamed to tell just when, I was manager of a ball team on which Latham was playing third base. We were on the rag end of an Eastern trip, and Arlie ran out of cash and needed it badly. He had touched me so often he knew no ordinary appeal would have little success."

"This morning he came to my room with real tears in his eyes. 'Tom, my mother-in-law is down with typhoid fever, and that robber of a doctor in my town has refused to treat her unless his fee is paid in advance,' he said."

"I was touched by the appeal and handed out the money."

"Next day Lath sought me out and said: 'Tom, I am going to turn over a new leaf and settle down. I am going to marry the old girl, and I need \$20 to pay the parson.'"

"Do you mean to tell me you are going to marry your mother-in-law?" I gasped. "Are you daffy?"

"Latham calmly pulled out a note book, and, after looking over the scribble that covered the first page, said: 'Say, old pal, come to think about it, I buried her on the coin you gave me yesterday, and I want this coin to buy a suit of black clothes.'"

"I counted out the money while still dazed."

RAIL SPLITTERS

BATTED SOME

Marion Team Defeated by

108 to 2 Score.

Every Man on Team but Pitcher

was Playing in the Out

Field.

"Back in the days when I was a youngster," said one of Marion's middle-aged citizens recently, "base ball was in its infancy. The fever was about as warm then as now, however, and Marion had several teams, which had been organized by the younger element of the population."

"I belonged to a team of which Casper Battenstein, now a foreman at the Huber shops, was captain. We beat about every team in town and felt that we were in condition to clean up all comers. Just for a practice game we arranged a date with a team composed of country boys living south of the city."

"In these days the standard ball used by nearly all teams was known as the 'bounding rocket,'" continued the old player. "It was composed mostly of rubber with a few strands of string wrapped about it. The 'bounding rocket' was what

proved the undoing of our nine."

The country boys went to the bat first and their half of the innings lasted about a half hour. Every member of the team was a big, husky rail-splitter, and when they connected with the sphere it was ticketed for a good long trip.

"Before the country team was retired Captain Battenstein had all of his men playing in the outfield. The only man on the infield was the pitcher, and he was nearly scared to death in his fear that one of the terrific drives of the farmer lads might break his legs."

"At the end of the game the country lads had scored 108 runs. At that, the contest had been called at the end of the fourth inning, so there is no telling what the score might have been had we gone the entire nine innings. The farmers had a pitcher who had cannon ball speed, and we scored only twice, the two runs being made as the result of passed balls."

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M'randy—she's my daughter—'s got a notion in her head.
A sorter curus they try from the books that she hez read.
An' she 'loves that pork an' beans is jest ez pizen ez can be.
An' she sez that pie for supper 'll make a invalid o' me.
An' that o' Pet's milk, what we hev drunk for all these many years,
's full o' tuberculosis, an' from what she sez it 'pears
That me an' ma an' all the boys are treading on the brink
O' gastroinmic ruin from the things we eat an' drink.
To eat an' drink so reckless of things we surely know
Will put us in our early graves—statistics prove it so!

But Tom an' Jim they make the fires an' cut the wood an' plow
An' plant an' rake an' weed an' hoe an' feed an' milk the cow.
An' ma she churns an' durns an' sews an' bakes an' boils an' stewes.
An' I run the corner grocery, while M'randy airs her views.
She isn't strong enough, she sez, to cook three meals a day.
An' wouldn't run a sewing machine for any kind o' pay.
She don't hev time to churn or sweep or help about the farm.
An' she couldn't keep a set o' books by reason o' the harm
'Twould be to breathe the germs that float in that there grocery store—
The way M'randy acts is very delicate, for shore.

It seems to me it's better to eat an' drink an' work
Than to starve your soul an' body an' to allow hex to shirk.
An' leave your job to some one else, the way M'randy does.
'F I could hev my druthers I think that I would choose
To leave the coffee pens alone an' let the shavin' be.
For old time drinks an' victuals is quite as good enough for me.
—Celia Myrover Robinson in New York Sun.

BURGLAR'S STORY.

It Was a Case of Dog Eat Dog, and They Quit Even.

"I don't agree with that article of yours about honor among thieves," he said to the editor. "You know, I was once in the burglary business. Don't start. I've quit it now, paid dearly for it and turned over a new leaf. Let me tell you the story."

"Years ago I lived alone in a rented house, where I stored my plunder. I had any quantity of gold watches, jewelry and silverware there. No one—not even my 'pals'—knew of this house."

"Well, one night I went on a raid alone, and in a trunk in a room where a woman and two children were sleeping I found five gold watches and any quantity of silverware."

"Have I struck a pawnbroker's shop?" was the question that naturally suggested itself.
"But I didn't waste any time in speculation, but hastened home with my haul."

"Arrived there, I discovered that my own house had been entered by one of my best friends in the profession (I know his work and recognized in the neatness of the job his fine professional hand) and looted of everything."

"The next day we met and compared notes. It turned out that I had been to his house and he to mine. You see, we had meeting places, but neither knew where the other lived."

"Did you not know," I asked him, "that you were robbing one of the profession when you entered my house?"

"I did," he said, "but I didn't think it was you, Ben. But didn't you know the same when you were in my house?"

"Well," I replied, "I didn't stop to ask too many questions."

"We exchanged valuables, shook hands and said 'Good day.'—Atlanta Constitution.

Managing a Wife.



Elderly Croesus (who has married a young wife)—I don't mind telling you, old man, that at first there were ructions, but things are going swimmingly now because I've found the way to manage her, my boy.

Friend—Congratulate you, old man. How did you do it?

Elderly Croesus—Always let her have absolutely her own way in everything.—Tatler.

To the Point.

"The most laconic man I know of is a deaf and dumb man in our town," one of the party remarked. "He never writes on his little pad more than enough to convey his meaning."

"It happened he was a good poker player and one night won a watch and chain from a young man of the town. The young man's father, a very pompous individual, heard of it and, meeting the successful gamester on the street next day, stopped him. The deaf and dumb man produced his little pad. On it the late and pompous father wrote, 'I understand you won Bob's gold watch the other night.' He handed it to the deaf and dumb man, expecting to see him change countenance and offer to give up his spoil. The latter did not quite do that, however. Instead he took the pad, wrote two words carefully on it and returned it. The pompous father read inscribed thereon:

"And chain."

"That ended the affair."—New Orleans Times-Democrat.

Mere Man.

"Yes, Katharine, it was the ultra fashionable wedding of the winter."

"Indeed?"

"You should have seen the gorgeous wedding gown worn by the bride. The flowers were the costliest that could be bought."

"Really?"

"And then the jewels and furs of those invited! The display was dazzling."

"Gracious! And there was nothing cheap looking at the wedding?"

"Nothing looked cheap except the poor, abashed bridegroom."—Chicago News.

Pretty Serious.

"I don't see anything funny in these jokes about primes," said the lady who runs the boarding house.

"Neither do I," replied the boarder who had to eat them or starve.—Detroit Free Press.

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